(d) whether Government have any plan to increase the members in the Commission to facilitate wider representation from all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Commission consists of three members in addition to Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

(d) No, Sir. The present Members already belong to different States.

Construction of hostels for SC boys and girls in Gujarat

2080. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:
SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Government of Gujarat for sanction of 50 per cent Central assistance for the construction of Babu Jagjivan Ram Hostels and residential schools for SC boys and girls under the Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals; and

(c) by when the Central assistance will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) **Girls Hostel**

A proposal for construction of one Hostel each at Babu Jagjivan Ram Pratisthan (Govt. Girls Hostel) at Mehsana, Junagarh and Porbandar was received from the Govt. of Gujarat during 2005-06, out of which matching central assistance to the Hostel at Junagarh had been released during 2005-06 itself, as the documents were complete. Necessary documents in respect of remaining two Hostels, have been received from the Govt. of Gujarat subsequently.

Boys Hostel

An incomplete proposal for construction of one Boys Hostel at Babu Jagjivan Ram Pratisthan, Idar, Sabarkantha was received from the Government of Gujarat during 2005-06. Necessary documents are awaited from the Government of Gujarat.

Registration of NGOs

2081. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from VIPs/NGOs/Welfare Associations for registration between 1st August, 2004 to date;

(b) the number of requests considered and those rejected;

(c) the names of SC/ST and Physically Handicapped Welfare Associations from whom requests were received between 29th December, 2004 to date;

(d) the details of action taken and reply sent to the concerned; and

(e) by when action on remaining will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) This Ministry releases grants in aid to the NGOs to implement schemes/programmes for welfare of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, persons with disabilities, elderly persons and victims of alcoholism and substance abuse. However, no system is in vogue for registration of NGOs.

Status of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation

2082. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation under the administrative control of her Ministry;

(b) the details of present activities of the foundation;

(c) the present status of National Memorial of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at New Delhi; and